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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9

Morning Prayer II

July 5, 2026 10:00 AM



Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

Prelude

My country, 'tis of thee arr. John Carter

Michael Mulder

Processional

God, my King, thy might confessing

Hymnal # 414

Sentences of Scripture

BCP 78

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." [Isaiah 57:15]

People: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. [Psalm 43:3]

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God to praise the Lord, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship the Lord, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

People and Officiant:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen. Alleluia!

Antiphon

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: Come let us adore him.

Invitatory Psalm: Venite [Psalm 95:1-7]

Psalms for All People V1.2

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before the Lord's presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great Sovereign above all gods.

In whose hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are God's own also.

The sea belongs to God, who made it, *

and whose hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For the Lord is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to the Lord's voice!

Psalms Appointed

Psalms 45: 11-18 Eructavit cor meum

Psalms for All People V1.2

11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *

forget your people and your parent's house.

12 The sovereign will have pleasure in your beauty; *

therefore honor your sovereign.

13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *

the rich among the people seek your favor."

14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *

her gown is cloth-of-gold.

15 In embroidered apparel she is brought forth; *

after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *

and enter into the palace of the sovereign.

17 "In place of forebears, O sovereign, you shall have offspring; *

you shall make them rulers over all the earth.

18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *

therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67]

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming

out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in the Lord and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and Lord God will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the Name of God;

Make the deeds of the Lord known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that the Lord's Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, who has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Lay Reader: Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: *

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [7:15-25a]

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I

that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Mine eyes have seen the glory

LEVAS # 226

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew [11:16-19, 25-30]

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Dr. Michael Mulder

Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen

Suffrage A

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sundays

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Jesus our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

Officiant: Heavenly Lord, in you we live and move and have our being; We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Form V

BCP 389

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; Matt our Diocesan Bishop; Allen our Suffragan Bishop; and for all bishops; for Judy our Priest-in-residence; for Pam our Deacon-in-training; and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who respect and are in awe of God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially:

People: Bennett, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Mackenzie, Marissa, Randy S., Fawn, Michael W., John C., Alan, Mike T., Mary Pat, Roman, Doreen, Janet, Kathy, Bro, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben;

Leader: and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the

People: resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental

illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.

Silence

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph, Eva Lee Matthews, *Monastic* (1928); Priscilla and Aquila, *Coworkers of the Apostle Paul* (1st Cent.); Benedict of Nursia, *Monastic* (c. 543); and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Leader: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever .

People: Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

God of all mercies,

we your children give you humble thanks

for all your goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you;

People: and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Officiant: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

People: granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional

God the Omnipotent

Hymnal # 569

Dismissal

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit! [Romans 15:13]

People: Amen!

Postlude

America, the beautiful arr. John Carter

Michael Mulder



Note: *Much of the language for this service was taken from "Prayers for All People: Morning and Evening Prayer with Inclusive and Expansive Language" Version 1.2, 10 May 2026*

Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul (1st Cent.): When Paul came to Corinth (probably in the year 50), he met Priscilla and her husband Aquila. Like Paul, they were tentmakers by trade, and had just arrived from Rome, from which the Emperor Claudius had recently expelled the Jewish community. It is not clear whether Aquila and Priscilla were already Christians before meeting Paul, or were converted by his preaching. After eighteen months, the three of them went together to Ephesus, where Priscilla and Aquila remained while Paul continued to Antioch. Soon after, a man named Apollos came to Ephesus, who had heard and believed a portion of the Christian message, and was promoting that belief with eloquent preaching, based on a thorough knowledge of the Hebrew Scriptures. Aquila and Priscilla befriended him and explained the Gospel to him more fully, after which he continued to preach with even greater effectiveness. Priscilla and Aquila were apparently in Rome when Paul wrote to that congregation, and in Ephesus with Timothy when Paul wrote his last letter to Timothy. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians from Ephesus, he joined their greetings with his own. Clearly they were dear to Paul, and were earnest and effective in spreading the Good News of Christ and His saving work. Altogether, Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned six times in the New Testament (Acts 18:2; Acts 18:18-19; Acts 18:26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19), and the observant reader may note that in half of these Aquila's name comes first, while in the other half, Priscilla's comes first, as if to emphasize that they are being mentioned on equal terms.

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Biran S., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., St. Luke's Haiti, Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Vince, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, Mike Marshall and family, John W. and Susan, Thomas, Jeanette, Dean W., Rachel D., Matilda, Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Mazza family, Robert, Celia, Felix, Sue, Ewa, Jeannie and Margaret, Ross, Abu, Carmine S., Liv C.



Upcoming Services and Events

- July 12: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 10:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
July 19: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 11:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
July 25: **St. James' Summer Auction 10 am - 2 pm**
July 26: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 12:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
August 2: **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 13:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
August 9: **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 14:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
August 16: **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 15:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
August 23: **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 16:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
August 30: **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 17:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am



DONATE YOUR TREASURES!
DROP OFFS: Wednesdays: 7-9pm & Saturdays: 9am-noon



Mark your calendars for the **67th Annual St. James Auction & Community Fes**t on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**—a cherished tradition and a highlight of our summer together. To make this year's event one of our best yet, we need your help! Donations will be accepted starting July 1st on Wednesdays (7–9 PM) and Saturdays (9 AM–12 PM). Your generosity helps bring the auction to life. Ready to lend a hand?

1) Gather those treasures to donate during the July donations days!

2) Silent Auction Items - You Can Help

We are asking church members to go to businesses where they have connections such as restaurants, hair and nail salons, etc., and ask for donations. Pick up some donation forms in the church or print them yourself. The links are on this web page: <https://stjamesns.com/auction/>

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